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SUBJECT: PLANT PROTECTION IN SAHEL, SHORT TERM; DAKAR
MEETING

REF.: A. ROME 1067

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1. DABELL OSRO HAS SENT FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO UNDP RES REPS:

A. OSRO IS SOLICITING POTENTIAL DONORS TO FINANCE FOUR MILLION

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DOLLAR EMERGENCY PEST CONTROL CAMPAIGN RECOMMENDED BY USAID

SPONSORED CONFERENCE ON SAHEL FOOD CROPS PEST MANAGEMENT
HELD WASHINGTON 11-12 DECEMBER 1974. B. OCLALAV HAD PLANNED
MEETING WITH HEADS CROP PROTECTION SERVICES IN SAHEL
COUNTRIES AND WITH OICMA IN DAKAR ON FEBRUARY 17 AT WHICH OSRO
HAD INTENDED TO DISCUSS MODALITIES OF ASSISTING EMERGENCY CAMPAIGN.
HAVE JUST HEARD THIS MEETING NOW POSTPONED UNTIL MARCH OR LATER.
C. SINCE DONORS REQUIRE DETAILED PLAN OF ACTION ENVISAGED
BEFORE MAKING PLEDGES AND SINCE ALL SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT MUST
BE POSITIONED IN COUNTRIES BY MAY JUNE 1975 OSRO NOW CONSIDERS
A SPECIAL MEETING IS NECESSARY SOONEST POSSIBLE TO ALLOW IDEN-
TIFICATION AND PRIORITIES OF NEEDS, METHOD OF
PURCHASE, OSRO INVOLVEMENT, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ETC. D. OSRO
THEREFORE PROPOSES MEETING WITH OCLALAV OICMA AND HEADS OF
NATIONAL CROP PROTECTION SERVICES IN DAKAR ON FEBRUARY 14 AND
15 PRIOR TO OPENING OF FAO CROP PROTECTION TRAINING COURSE ON
FEBRUARY 17TH WHERE SEVERAL KEY EXPERTS FROM REGION WILL BE
INVOLVED. E. GRATEFUL YOU DISCUSS SUBJECT WITH GOVERNMENT STRE-
SSING URGENCY AND INVITING OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR CROP PROTECTION
TO ATTEND OSRO MEETING AT OUR COST FOR TRAVEL AND SUBSISTANCE.
OFFICIAL SHOULD BRING FORMAL UPDATED AND DETAILED REQUEST FOR
ASSISTANCE AND HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO FINALIZE DETAILS OF
CAMPAIGN IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF REGION AS A WHOLE. F. OSRO
WILL BE REPRESENTED BY BY DEPUTY POLLARIS ASSISTED BY CROP
PROTECTION EXPERTS FROM FAO REGIONAL PROJECTS. MEETING WILL BE
EITHER IN UNDP OR OCLALAV OFFICES AND CONFIRMED SOONEST.

2. DABELL ALSO HAS SENT LETTERS TO US AND OTHER PROSPECTIVE
DONORS INDICATED REF A., STATING IF WE HAVE PLANT PROTECTION
SPECIALISTS IN THE AREA AND CONSIDER IT USEFUL TO HAVE AN OB-
SERVOR AT THE MEETING, OSRO WOULD BE HAPPY TO INVITE THEM.VOLPE

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